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For:	HUMAN PROTEINS HAVING TRANSMEMBRANE DOMAINS AND cDNAs ENCODING THESE PROTEINS) :)	July 10, 2003	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application

as follows:

a.) <u>Introductory Comments</u>

The present amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the Pre-OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted", a copy of which is attached.